This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims: Please amend the claims as follows:

We claim:

Claim 1. (Cancelled)

Claim 2. (Cancelled)

Claim 3. (Cancelled)

Claim 4. (Previously Presented) A compound which is

a) 6-{3-[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1-piperidyl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

b) 6-{3-[4-(2,4-difluorobenzyl)-1-piperidyl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

c) 6-{3-[4-(4-fluorophenoxy)-1-piperidyl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

d) 4-{3-[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1-piperidyl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

e) 4-{3-[4-(2,4-difluorobenzyl)-1-piperidyl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

f) 4-{3-[4-(4-fluorophenoxy)-1-piperidyl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

g) 5-{3-[4-(4-fluorophenoxy)-1-piperidyl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

h) 5-{3-[4-(4-fluorobenzyl)-1-piperidyl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

i) 5-{3-[4-(2,4-difluorobenzyl)-1-piperidyl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

j) 5-{3-[4-(4-cyanophenyl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

k) 5-{4-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-6-yl)propyl]piperazin-1-yl}benzofuran-2-carboxamide;

l) 5-{3-[4-(2-oxo-2H-chromen-6-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

m) 5-{4-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-4-yl)propyl]piperazin-1-yl}-benzofuran-2-carboxamide;

n) 5-{4-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]piperazin-1-yl}-benzofuran-2-carboxamide;

o) 5-{3-[4-(1H-indol-4-yl)-piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1-methanesulfonyl-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

p) 5-[3-(4-oxo-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)propyl]-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

q) 5-[3-(4-benzo[1,2,5]thiadiazol-4-ylpiperazin-1-yl)propyl]-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

r) 3-{1-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]piperidin-4-yl}-1H-indole-5-carboxamide;

s) 5-[3-(4-quinolin-8-ylpiperazin-1-yl)propyl]-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

t) 5-{3-[4-(2,3-dihydrobenzo[1,4]dioxin-5-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

u) 1-methanesulfonyl-5-[3-(4-oxo-1-phenyl-1,3,8-triazaspiro[4.5]dec-8-yl)-propyl]-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

v) 5-{3-[4-(1H-indol-4-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

w) 5-{3-[4-(1H-indol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

x) 5-{3-[4-(5-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbo-nitrile;

y) 3-{1-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]piperidin-4-yl}-1H-indole-5-carbonitrile;

z) 5-{3-[4-(6-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

aa) 5-{3-[4-(4-fluoro-1H-indol-3-yl)piperidin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

bb) 5-[3-(4-benzo[d]isothiazol-3-ylpiperazin-1-yl)propyl]-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

cc) 4-{1-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-6-yl)propyl]piperidin-4-yloxy}benzamide;

dd) 6-{3-[4-(2-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

ee) 6-{3-[4-(4-cyano-3-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

ff) 6-{3-[4-(4-cyano-2-methoxyphenyl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

gg) 4-[3-(4-pyrazol-1-ylmethyl-1-piperidyl)propyl]-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

hh) N-(6-{4-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)acetamide;

ii) 5-{3-[(pyridin-3-ylmethyl)amino]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

jj) 5-{3-[4-(2,3-dihydrobenzo[1,4]dioxin-6-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

kk) 5-[3-(4-pyrimidin-2-ylpiperazin-1-yl)propyl]-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

ll) 5-{3-[(2,3-dihydrobenzo[1,4]dioxin-2-ylmethyl)amino]propyl}-1H-indole-3-

carbonitrile;

mm) 5-{3-[4-(3-methoxyphenyl)-3-methylpiperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

nn) 5-{3-[4-(1-methyl-1H-imidazo[4,5-c]pyridin-4-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

oo) N-(4-{1-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]piperidin-4-ylmethyl}-phenyl)acetamide;

pp) 5-{3-[4-(4-pyridin-3-ylthiazol-2-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

qq) ethyl 2-{4-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]piperazin-1-yl}-thiazole-4-carboxylate;

rr) 5-{3-[3-(2-oxopyrrolidin-1-yl)propylamino]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

ss) ethyl (6-{4-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)carbamate;

tt) 5-{3-[4-(3-amino-2-oxo-2H-chromen-6-yl)piperazin-1-yl]propyl}-1H-indole-3-carbonitrile;

uu) methyl (6-{4-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]piperazin-1-yl}-2-oxo-2H-chromen-3-yl)carbamate;

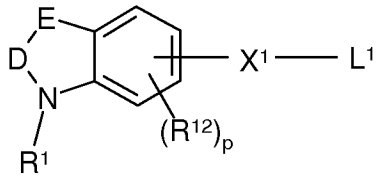
vv) 2-{4-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]-piperazin-1-yl}thiazole-4-carboxamide; or

ww) 4-[3-(3-cyano-1H-indol-5-yl)propyl]piperazine-1- thiocarboxamide;

or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, solvate, stereoisomer or mixture thereof.

Claim 5. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula [[~~I~~]] Ia according to Claim [[~~1~~]] 20 or a salt thereof comprising reacting

a) a compound of formula II

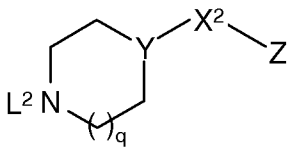


II

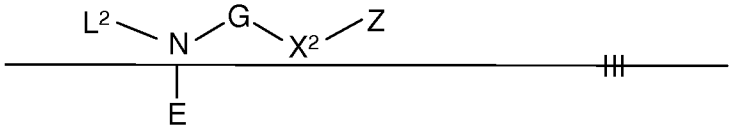
wherein

L^1 is Cl, Br, I, OH, a reactively esterified OH group or a diazonium group, and R^1, D, E, R^{12}, p and X^1 are as defined in Claim [[~~1~~]] 20,

b) with a compound of formula [[~~III~~]] IIIa



IIIa



wherein

L^2 is H or a metal ion, and ~~E, G,~~ Q, Y, X^2 and Z are as defined in Claim [[~~1~~]] 20,

and optionally

c) converting the resultant compound of formula [[~~I~~]] Ia into a salt by treatment with an acid.

Claim 6. (Currently Amended) A process for the preparation of a pharmaceutical composition, comprising converting a compound of Claim [[~~1~~]] 20 into a suitable dosage form together with at least one solid, liquid or semi-liquid excipient or adjuvant.

Claim 7. (Currently Amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising at least one compound of Claim [[~~1~~]] 20 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 8. (Cancelled)

Claim 9. (Cancelled)

Claim 10. (Cancelled)

Claim 11. (Cancelled)

Claim 12. (Cancelled)

Claim 13. (Cancelled)

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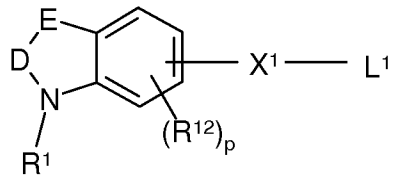
Claim 17. (Cancelled)

Claim 18. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A compound of formula II

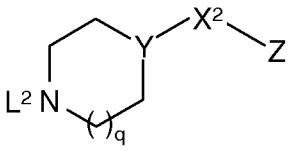


II

wherein

L^1 is Cl, Br, I, OH, a reactively esterified OH group or a diazonium group, and R^1, D, E, R^{12}, p and X^1 are as defined in Claim [[~~1~~]] 20.

Claim 19. (Withdrawn, Currently Amended) A compound of formula [[~~III~~]] IIIa



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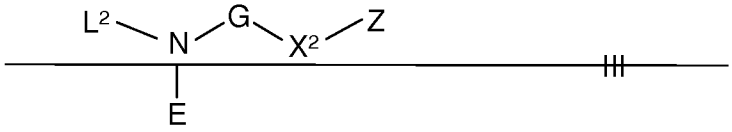
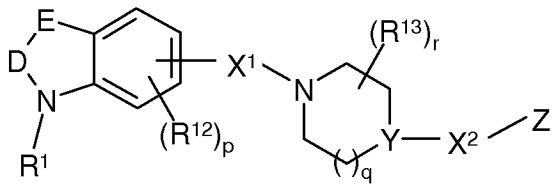


wherein

L^2 is H or a metal ion, and ~~E, G,~~ Q, Y, X^2 and Z are as defined in Claim [[~~1~~]] 20.

Claim 20. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula Ia



Ia

wherein

R^1 is H, A or SO_2A

A is straight-chain or branched alkyl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms or alkoxyalkyl having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and

D-E $R^2C=CR^4$, wherein R^2 is H or methyl and R^4 is CN

X^1 is $(CHR^7)_g$

g is 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6,

R^7 is, independently, has the meanings indicated for R^2 to R^5;

Y is CH or N,

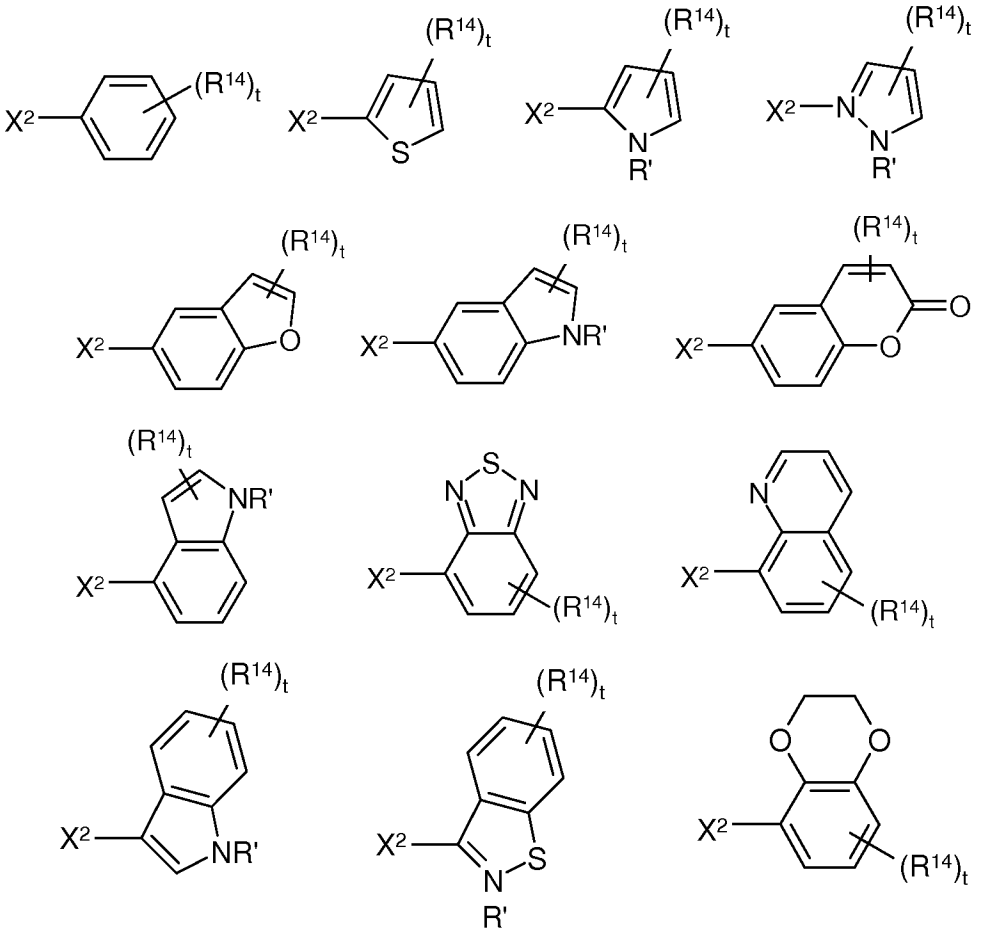
q is 0,

p and r are each, independently of one another, 0, 1, 2 or 3

Hal is F, Cl, Br or I,

R^{12} and R^{13}, are each, independently of one another, R^4 or are, independently of one another, Hal, CN, NO_2, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, NO_2, CN, $COOR^6$, $CON(R^6)_2$, NR^6COR^6, $NR^6CON(R^6)_2$, NR^6SO_2A, COR^6, SO_2NR^6, $S(O)_wA$, $OOCR^6$ or C(NH)NOH, and

X^2-Z is at least one of



wherein

X^2 is a bond,

R^{14} is, independently, Hal, A, $(CH_2)_nHet$, $(CH_2)_nAr$, $(CH_2)_nCOO(CH_2)_mAr$, $(CH_2)_nCOO(CH_2)_mHet$, $(CH_2)_nOR^6$, $(CH_2)_nO(CH_2)_mAr$, $(CH_2)_nO(CH_2)_mHet$, $(CH_2)_nN(R^6)(CH_2)_mAr$, $(CH_2)_nN(R^6)(CH_2)_mHet$, $(CH_2)_nSO_2N(R^6)(CH_2)_mAr$, $(CH_2)_nN(R^6)SO_2(CH_2)_mAr$, $(CH_2)_nSO_2N(R^6)(CH_2)_mHet$, $(CH_2)_nN(R^6)SO_2(CH_2)_mHet$, $(CH_2)_nN(R^6)_2$, $(CH_2)_nNHOA$, $(CH_2)_n(R^6)Het$, $(CH_2)_nOCOR^6$, $(CH_2)_nOC(O)N(R^6)_2$, $(CH_2)_nOC(O)NR^6(CH_2)_mAr$, $(CH_2)_nOC(O)NR^6(CH_2)_mHet$, $(CH_2)_nNR^6COOR^6$, $(CH_2)_nNR^6COO(CH_2)_mAr$, $(CH_2)_nNR^6COO(CH_2)_mHet$, or CN

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

t is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, and

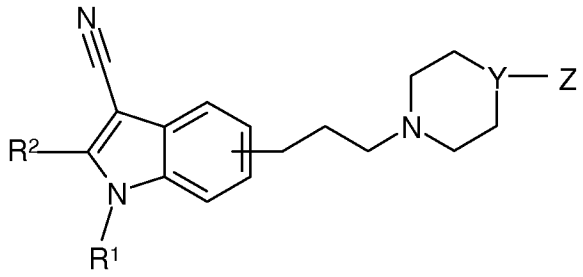
m is 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5

n is 0, 1, 2, or 3

R' is H, A, $(CH_2)_nHet$, $(CH_2)_nAr$, cycloalkyl having from 3 to 7 carbon atoms or SO_2A;

or a pharmaceutically salt, solvate, stereoisomer, or mixture thereof.

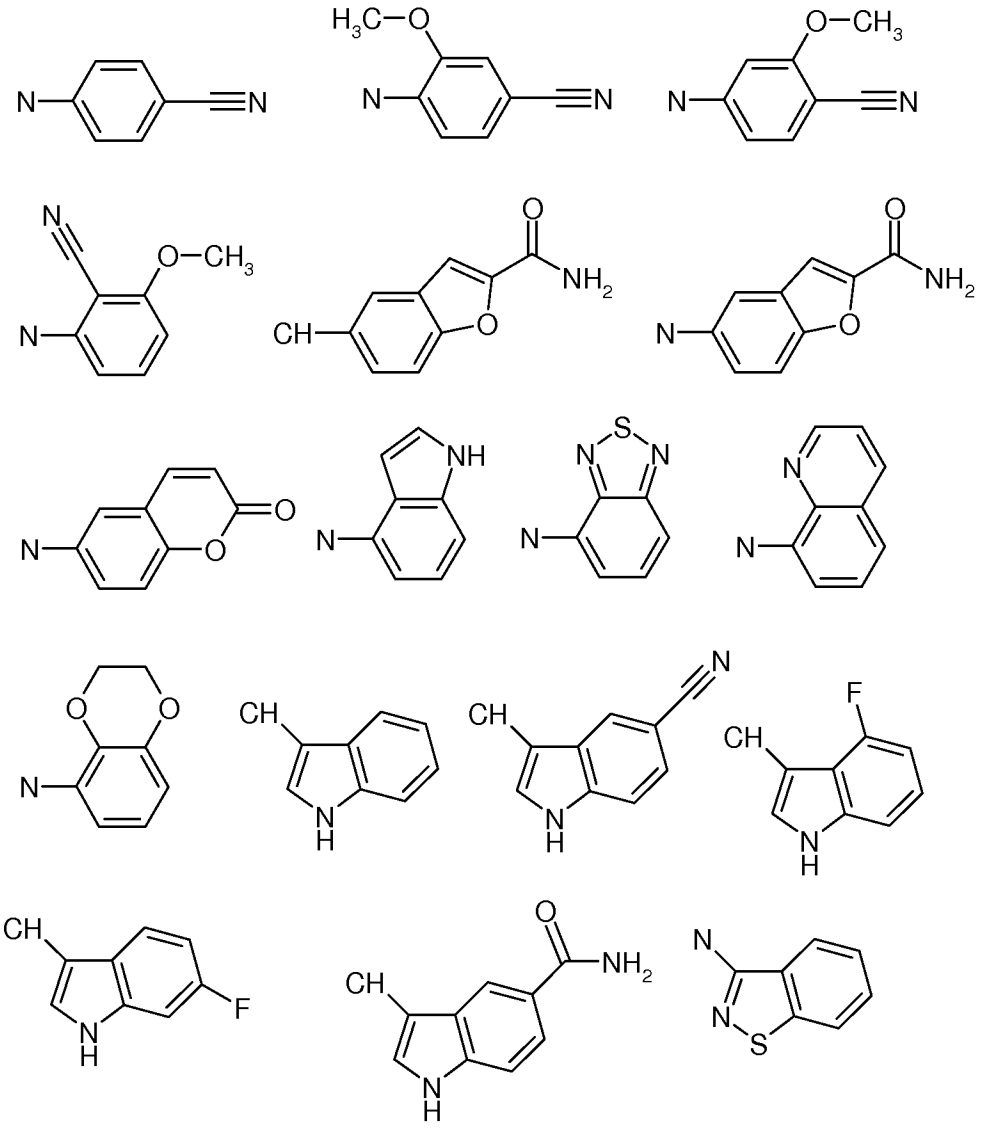
Claim 21. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula IIa



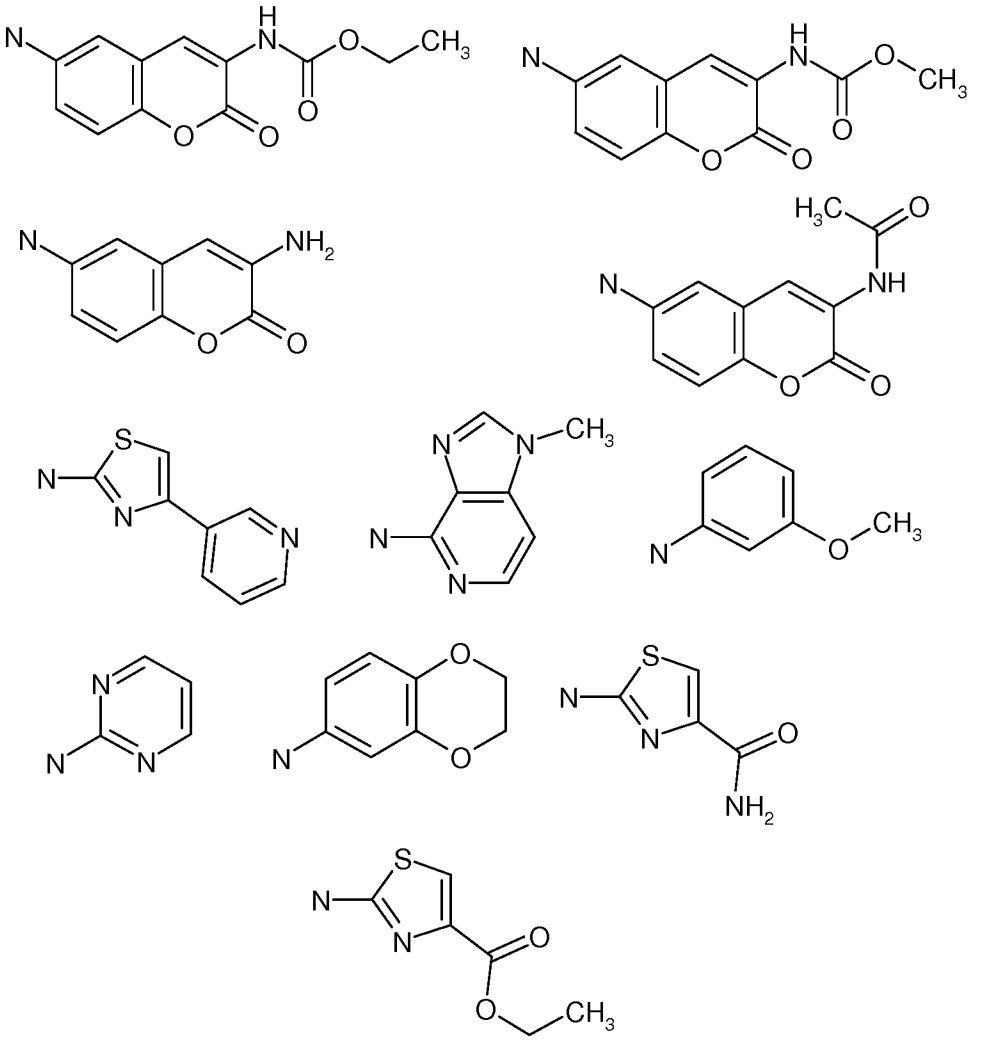
IIa

wherein R^1 and R^2 are as defined in claim 20; and

Y-Z is a radical which comprises at least one of

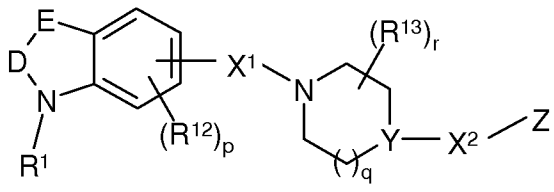


or a radical which comprises at least one of



or a pharmaceutically salt, solvate, stereoisomer, or mixture thereof.

Claim 22. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula Ia according to claim 20



Ia

wherein

R^1 is H or A

A is straight-chain or branched alkyl having from 1 to 10 carbon atoms, alkenyl having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms or alkoxyalkyl having from 2 to 10 carbon atoms, and

D-E $R^2C=CR^4$, wherein R^2 is H or methyl and R^4 is CN

X^1 is $(CHR^7)_g$

g is 3,

R^7, independently, has the meanings indicated for R^2 to R^5;

Y is CH or N,

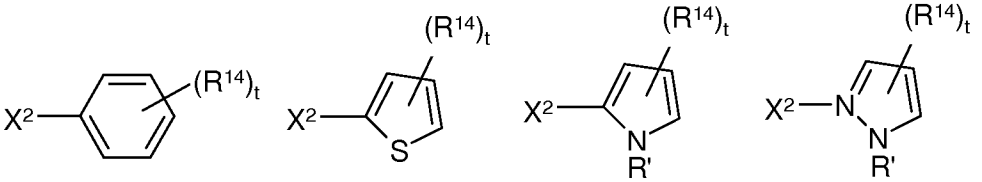
q is 0,

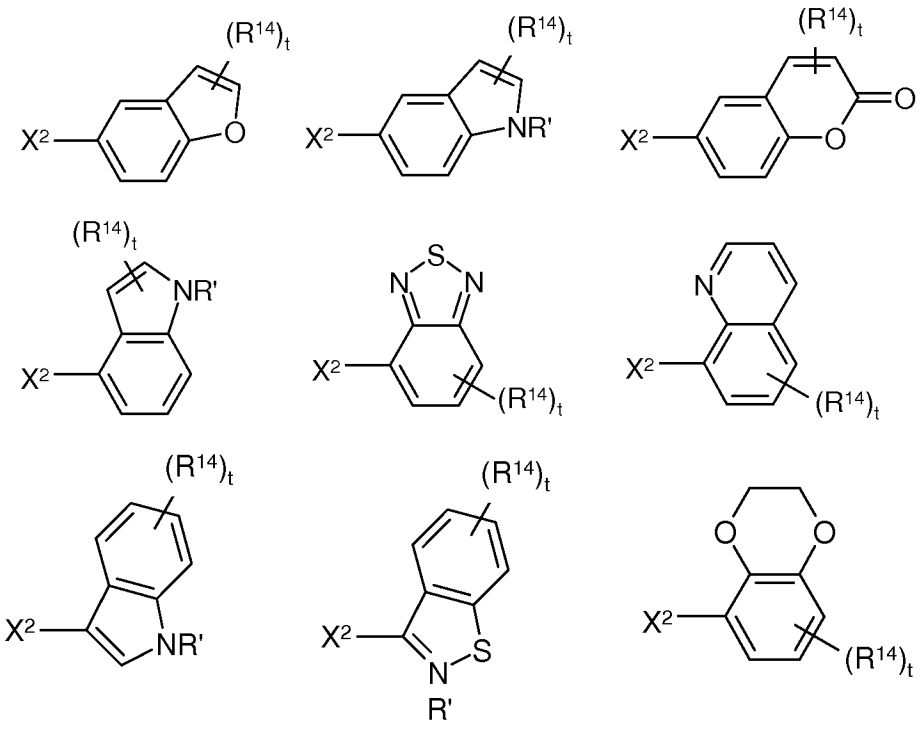
p and r are, independently of one another, 0, 1, 2 or 3

Hal is F, Cl, Br or I,

R^{12} and R^{13}, are, independently of one another, Hal, CN, NO_2, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, NO_2, CN, $COOR^6$, $CON(R^6)_2$, NR^6COR^6, $NR^6CON(R^6)_2$, NR^6SO_2A, COR^6, SO_2NR^6, $S(O)_wA$, $OOCR^6$ or C(NH)NOH, and

X^2-Z is at least one of





wherein

X^2 is a bond,

R^{14} is, independently, Hal, NO_2, OR^6, $N(R^6)_2$, CN, $COOR^6$, $CON(R^6)_2$, NR^6COR^6, $NR^6CON(R^6)_2$, NR^6SO_2A, COR^6, SO_2NR^6, $S(O)_wA$, $OOCR^6$ and/or C(NH)NOH,

w is 0, 1, 2 or 3,

t is 1, 2, 3, and

R' is H, A, $(CH_2)_nHet$, $(CH_2)_nAr$, cycloalkyl having from 3 to 7 carbon atoms or SO_2A;

or a pharmaceutically salt, solvate, stereoisomer, or mixture thereof.